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-- The upper part 22 is provided with a single-piece, fixed window panel 222 made of glass or a similar material, and a movable window panel 223. A frame 221 fitted on the inside face (facing the inside of the vehicle) surrounds the window. Obviously, the frame 221 could be reduced to only two approximately vertical uprights, possibly over only a part of the height of the window.--

In the Claims

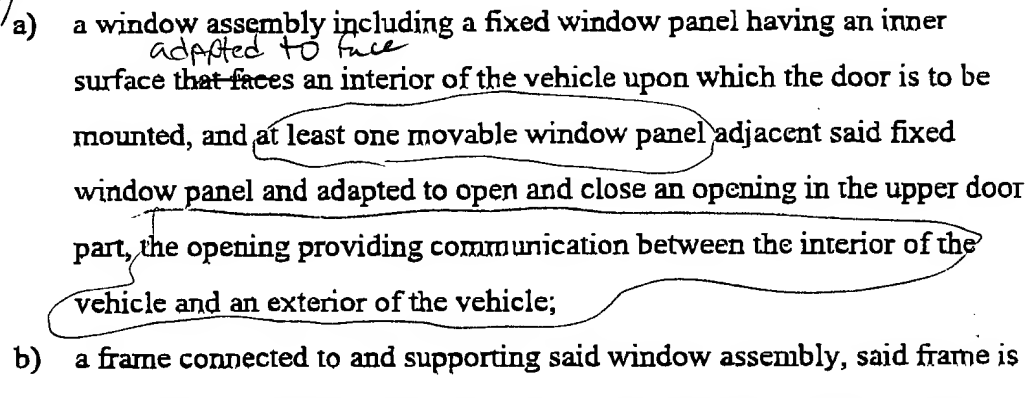
Please cancel claims 16 and 20-41 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 42-53 as follows.

42. (New) A door for an automobile vehicle, comprising:

a lower door part without guide means for a moving window; and

an upper door part that comprises:

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- a) a window assembly including a fixed window panel having an inner surface ^{adapted to face} ~~that faces~~ an interior of the vehicle upon which the door is to be mounted, and at least one movable window panel adjacent said fixed window panel and adapted to open and close an opening in the upper door part, the opening providing communication between the interior of the vehicle and an exterior of the vehicle;
 - b) a frame connected to and supporting said window assembly, said frame is connected to said fixed window panel at only the inner surface of said fixed window panel; and
 - c) support elements connected to said frame, said support elements movably supporting said movable window panel such that said movable window panel is movable so as to open and close said opening;

and further including means for fixing said lower and upper parts to each other at an assembly area of said door, said assembly area extending approximately horizontally and corresponding to a top of said lower part and a bottom of said upper part.

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43. (New) A door according to claim 42, wherein said support elements comprise rails fixed to said frame.

44. (New) A door according to claim 43, wherein said movable window panel is movable in a plane parallel to a plane defined by said fixed window panel.

45. (New) A door according to claim 42, wherein said lower part comprises an outer bodywork panel, an inner trim and a structural element, said outer bodywork panel and inner trim connected to said structural element.

46. (New) A door according to claim 42, wherein said means for fixing is selected from the group consisting of gluing, welding, brazing and riveting.

47. (New) A door according to claim 42, wherein said assembly area extends substantially a whole length of said upper part.

48. (New) A door for an automobile vehicle, comprising:

a lower door part without guide means for a moving window; and
an upper door part that comprises:

- a) a window assembly including a fixed window panel having an inner surface that faces an interior of the vehicle upon which the door is to be mounted, and at least one movable window panel adjacent said fixed window panel and adapted to open and close an opening in the upper door part, the opening providing communication between the interior of the vehicle and an exterior of the vehicle;
- b) support elements connected to said fixed window panel at only the inner surface thereof, said support elements movably supporting said movable window panel such that said movable window panel is movable so as to open and close said opening;

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and further including means for fixing said lower and upper parts to each other at an assembly area of said door, said assembly area extending approximately horizontally and corresponding to a top of said lower part and a bottom of said upper part.

49. (New) A door according to claim 48, wherein said support elements comprise rails fixed to said fixed window panel.

50. (New) A door according to claim 49, wherein said movable window panel is movable in a plane parallel to a plane defined by said fixed window panel.

51. (New) A door according to claim 48, wherein said lower part comprises an outer bodywork panel, an inner trim and a structural element, said outer bodywork panel and inner trim connected to said structural element.

52. (New) A door according to claim 48, wherein said means for fixing is selected from the group consisting of gluing, welding, brazing and riveting.

53. (New) A door according to claim 48, wherein said assembly area extends substantially a whole length of said upper part.